

A Message from Governor Brian Schweitzer about America's Energy Future

Throughout my life, I have been blessed with many opportunities. After graduating with a master's degree from Montana State University, my wife Nancy and I traveled to the Middle East where we developed large-scale agricultural and irrigation projects. Upon our return, we ran our ranch in Whitefish while raising our family. I now bring that businessman's experience to the Governor's Office.

I am committed to growing all sectors of Montana's diverse economy. One of our most exciting economic growth potentials is energy development. Our world class energy resources—wind, oil and gas, biofuels, biomass, significant amounts of coal and more—are second to none in the United States and provide us with the opportunity to help the nation to wean itself from foreign oil while creating economic growth opportunities here in Montana.

Our addiction to foreign oil is of grave concern to all Americans and Montana is positioned to be a leader in breaking that addiction. We can provide a good share of the energy resources America needs in a manner that respects and protects the wild places that make Montana so special.



Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger and Governor Brian Schweitzer

As folks around the nation look to Montana as a place to relocate or expand their business, they are telling me their reasons: we have been rated in the top states for our low cost of doing business, our low state and local tax burden and overall business tax climate. We are prepared to host growth in the energy sector and I have dedicated my administration to smoothing the way for that kind of development.

People in Montana and around the nation are excited about my efforts to use Montana resources to help break our addiction to foreign oil. We can and we will lead the way, and we want you to join our efforts.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor